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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/14/2001 and 9/18/2001.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 1-36 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility. Applicant shows and provides information regarding the offshore oil drilling industry, but fails to show how this information is useful. Applicant does not show how this information can be used to do or make something useful, tangible or concrete.
3. Claims 1 and 34 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because "one or more users" is nonstatutory subject matter. As explained in MPEP §2105, "If the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed invention as a whole encompasses a human being, then a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 must be made indicating that the claimed invention is directed to nonstatutory subject matter." Claims 2-7 and 9-11 are rejected as being dependent upon claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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5. Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yahoo! Finance website (see attached PTO-892, Ref. U). Hereinafter "Yahoo! Finance".

6. As per claim 1, Yahoo! Finance teaches a system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising: one or more users (see Yahoo! Finance homepage); a third party web host operably coupled to the users (see Yahoo! Finance homepage); wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that provide information regarding the publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling); and wherein the third party host provides the information regarding the publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

7. As per claim 2, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance, Oil/ Energy News).

8. As per claim 3, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that

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operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

9. As per claim 4, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance, Oil/ Energy News); and wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

10. As per claim 5, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches further comprising: one or more publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling); wherein the publicly traded companies periodically provide updated information to the third-party web host (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

11. As per claim 6, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of: company news for the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

12. As per claim 7, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the web host permits a user to request

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information for a selected one of the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance homepage).

13. As per claim 8, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 7 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of: Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly traded company (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

14. As per claim 9, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the web host permits the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance, Yahoo! Messenger and Yahoo! Finance homepage).

15. As per claim 10, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the web host permits the users to access the website for a selected one of the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance, Company Profile).

16. As per claim 11, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 1 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the web host permits the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company (see Yahoo! Finance, Conference Call Calendar- August 2000).

17. As per claim 12, Yahoo! Finance teaches a method of providing information regarding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising: providing a third party web site that comprises one or more web pages that

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permit users of the web site to obtain information regarding the publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance homepage); wherein the information is provided in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

18. As per claim 13, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance, Oil/ Energy News).

19. As per claim 14, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

20. As per claim 15, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance, Oil/ Energy News); and the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

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21. As per claim 16, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated information to the third-party web site (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

22. As per claim 17, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of: company news for the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

23. As per claim 18, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: permitting one or more of the users to request information for a selected one of the publicly traded companies from the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance homepage).

24. As per claim 19, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of: Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly traded company (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

25. As per claim 20, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: permitting one or more of the users to sign up for e-mail alerts on the website that provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance, Yahoo! Messenger and Yahoo! Finance homepage).

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26. As per claim 21, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: permitting the users to access the company website for a selected one of the publicly traded companies using the website (see Yahoo! Finance, Company Profile).

27. As per claim 22, Yahoo! Finance teaches the method of claim 12 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: permitting the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company using the website (see Yahoo! Finance, Conference Call Calendar- August 2000).

28. As per claim 23, Yahoo! Finance teaches a system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising: means for providing one or more web pages that permit users of a third party web site to obtain information regarding the publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on a third party website in compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling); and means for permitting users to access the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

29. As per claim 24, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry on the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

30. As per claim 25, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: means for providing one or more

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web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

31. As per claim 26, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry on the third party website industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance, Oil/ Energy News); and means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

32. As per claim 27, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: means for the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated information to the third-party web host (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling).

33. As per claim 28, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of: company news for the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

34. As per claim 29, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches comprising: means for permitting one or more of the users to request information for a selected one of the publicly traded companies

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from the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance homepage).

35. As per claim 30, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 29 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further teaches wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of: Securities and Exchange Commission filings by the selected publicly traded company (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

36. As per claim 31, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further comprising: means for permitting the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded companies using the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance, Yahoo! Messenger and Yahoo! Finance homepage).

37. As per claim 32, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further comprising: means for permitting the users to access the company website for a selected one of the publicly traded companies using the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance, Company Profile).

38. As per claim 33, Yahoo! Finance teaches the system of claim 23 as described above. Yahoo! Finance further comprising: means for permitting the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company using the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance, Conference Call Calendar- August 2000).

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39. As per claim 34, Yahoo! Finance teaches a system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:

one or more users (see Yahoo! Finance homepage);

one or more publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling); and

a third party web host operably coupled to the users and the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance homepage);

wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that provide information regarding the publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

wherein the third party host provides the information regarding the publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance, Oil/ Energy News);

wherein the third party web host provides one or more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

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wherein the publicly traded companies periodically provide updated information to the third-party web host (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

wherein the web host permits the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance, Yahoo! Messenger and Yahoo! Finance homepage);

wherein the web host permits the users to access the website for a selected one of the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance, Company Profile);

wherein the web host permits the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company (see Yahoo! Finance, Conference Call Calendar- August 2000);

wherein the web host permits a user to request information for a selected one of the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance homepage); and

wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:

company news for the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

40. As per claim 35, Yahoo! Finance teaches a method of providing information regarding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:

providing a third party web site that comprises one or more web pages that permit users of the web site to obtain information regarding the publicly traded

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companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance, Oil/ Energy News);

the third party web site providing one or more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated information to the third-party web site (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

permitting one or more of the users to sign up for e-mail alerts on the website that provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance, Yahoo! Messenger and Yahoo! Finance homepage);

permitting the users to access the company website for a selected one of the publicly traded companies using the website (see Yahoo! Finance Company Profile);

permitting the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company using the website (see Yahoo! Finance, Conference Call Calendar- August 2000); and

permitting one or more of the users to request information for a selected one of the publicly traded companies from the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance homepage);

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wherein the information is provided in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation Fair Disclosure (see Yahoo! Finance homepage); and

wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:

company news for the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

41. As per claim 36, Yahoo! Finance teaches a system for providing information regarding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry, comprising:

means for providing one or more web pages that permit users of a third party web site to obtain information regarding the publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on a third party website (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

means for permitting users to access the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance homepage);

means for updating the information provided on the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance homepage);

means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to the offshore drilling industry on the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling and Yahoo! Finance, Oil/ Energy News);

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means for providing one or more web pages that are devoted to corresponding publicly traded companies that operate in the offshore drilling industry on the third party website (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

means for the publicly traded companies periodically providing updated information to the third-party web host (see Yahoo! Finance, Research by Industry- Oil Oil and Gas Drilling);

means for permitting the users to sign up for e-mail alerts that provide information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded companies using the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance, Yahoo! Messenger and Yahoo! Finance homepage);

means for permitting the users to access the company website for a selected one of the publicly traded companies using the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance Company Profile);

means for permitting the users to access a live webcast of information regarding a selected one of the publicly traded company using the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance, Conference Call Calendar- August 2000); and

means for permitting one or more of the users to request information for a selected one of the publicly traded companies from the third party web site (see Yahoo! Finance homepage);

wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of:

company news for the publicly traded companies (see Yahoo! Finance homepage).

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Conclusion

42. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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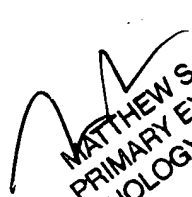
43. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shahid R. Merchant whose telephone number is 571-270-1360. The examiner can normally be reached on First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Nolan can be reached on 571-272-0847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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